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According To Said Method

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Response To Restriction

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Office Action mailed 06/28/2007 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-9) with traverse.

It is noted that this application is a national stage application submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371. Unity of invention practice is applicable in national stage applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371. Accordingly, the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 is improper.

There was no lack of unity of invention identified during the International Stage of the application. This is because there is unity of invention among claims 1-11. The examiner has stated that the inventions are related as process and apparatus for its practice. This is not correct. The

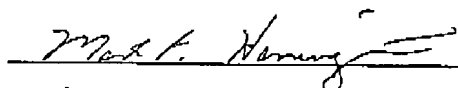
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apparatus claims are for a product made by the process. In any event, the USPTO, by failing to abide by the International Phase examiner's determination appears to be violating the PCT treaty. The examiner in the International Phase examined all of the claims. Thus, there is no undue burden for the U.S. examiner to continue examination of all of the claims of the application.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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